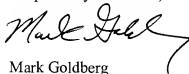


### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 13, 2006. Prior to receiving this Notice, Applicants filed a "Replacement Amendment" on June 13, 2006 in which the claims were presented in accordance with USPTO regulations. The Examiner is requested to consider the June 13, 2006 submission as fully responsive to the March 13, 2006 Office Action and the June 13, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

If the Examiner should have further questions regarding this case, he is invited to call Applicants' representative.

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